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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) A multi-port selective blocking device comprising:

one or more interface emulators configured to emulate an interface presented by a storage device and configured to connect to a host, for the purpose of reading and writing (Write Unblocked);

one or more interface emulators configured to emulate an interface presented by a storage device and configured to connect to a host, for the purpose of reading only (Write Blocked);

an interface for connecting to a storage device; and

a processor coupled to the interface emulators and the interface, the processor examining commands received through the interface emulator that are generated by the host and intended for the storage device, the processor allowing the storage device to receive all commands from a Write Unblocked interface emulator, the processor allowing only those commands from a Write Blocked interface emulator that are commands recognized by the processor as not modifying a storage state of the storage device, wherein

the multi-port selective blocking device is transparent to normal operation of the hosts and the storage device.

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3. (canceled).

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6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended) The blocking device of claim 1̶0̶ 2, further

including:

a temporary storage device coupled to the processor, the processor

storing data from a Write Blocked host corresponding to the dropped commands

in the temporary storage device.

11. (currently amended) The blocking device of claim 1̶0̶ 2, wherein when

read commands are received from a Write Blocked host that refer to data stored

in the temporary storage device, the processor returns the data from the

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temporary storage device to the host.

12. (canceled).

13. (canceled).

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22. (canceled).

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